Frequent toll-gates on NHs

1317. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demands to remove frequent toll-gates on the NHAI system by the Road Safety Forum;

(b) the objectives of a toll-system for the NHAI;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cost of collection of tolls is more than the tolls collected;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are delays and hurdles at toll-gates;

(e) the steps proposed to find alternative systems of collecting charges from motorists; and

(f) the measures proposed to reduce delays at toll-gates of NHAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No such request has been received from Road Safety Forum.

(b) Objective of toll system is to collect applicable user fee from road users as per the notification published in the official gazette.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) At peak traffic hours, sometimes some delays are experienced at few toll plaza locations.

(e) and (f) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is planning to start collection of user fee by introducing Smart Cards and On Board Units. This will further reduce the time taken in collection of user fee.

Hoardings on NHs

1318.. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated/proposed to formulate guidelines to prevent the placement of hoardings on National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the new measures to be taken by Union Government for regulating the placement of hoardings of reviews/advertisement agencies/political parties on the National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As per Ministry's policy, no advertisements/hoardings are allowed on National Highways land except informatory signs of public interest. However, under the policy of